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## PART 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1. Introduction

This Request for Standing Offer is a Standing Proposal. It is a description of goods, along with specific terms, clauses and conditions, valid for a fixed period of time. The duration is fragmented into several periods, according to a predetermined Closing Calendar. Following receipt of the offers, for each period, a Standing Offer and Call-up Authority may be issued to the supplier having submitted the best offer.

The Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) is divided into six parts plus attachments and annexes, as follows:

- Part 1           General Information: provides a general description of the requirement;
- Part 2           Offeror Instructions: provides the instructions applicable to the clauses and conditions of the RFSO;
- Part 3           Offer Preparation Instructions: provides offerors with instructions on how to prepare their offer to address the evaluation criteria specified;
- Part 4           Evaluation Procedures and Basis of Selection: indicates how the evaluation will be conducted, the evaluation criteria which must be addressed in the offer, and the basis of selection;
- Part 5           Certifications: includes the certifications to be provided;
- Part 6           6A, Standing Offer, and 6B, Resulting Contract Clauses:
  - 6A, includes the Standing Offer containing the offer from the Offeror and the applicable clauses and conditions;
  - 6B, includes the clauses and conditions which will apply to any contract resulting from a call-up made pursuant to the Standing Offer.

The Annexes include:

Annex A: Requirement

Annex B (Attachment): Working Document

## 2. Summary

### **DESCRIPTION:**

This Regional Individual Standing Offer (RISO) request involves the provision, on an as and when ordered basis, of **Ready to serve meals**.

### **IDENTIFIED USER:**

Veterans Affairs Canada, Ste.Anne's Hospital, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, province of Quebec.

### **PERIOD OF STANDING PROPOSAL:**

From May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015, divided into two (2) six- (6-) month periods.

**Note:** Offers will have to be submitted for each period, as per the schedule in Annex "B".

One or more Standing Offers could be issued for each period.

### **DELIVERY:**

<b>DELIVERY VAC</b>	
<b>Delivery address</b>	<b>Delivery hours and details</b>
<b>Veterans Affairs Canada</b> Ste. Anne's Hospital Magasin des vivres 305, boulevard des Anciens Combattants Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue (Quebec) H9X 1Y9	AM, as needed.

### **Delay:**

Delivery will be made in accordance with the delivery date mentioned on the call-up document.

**QUANTITIES:**

The estimated quantities for each of the required items can be found in Annex B - Working Document - List of products.

**APPROXIMATE SCOPE OF THE STANDING PROPOSAL:**

The approximate scope of the Standing Proposal is \$320,000.00 for the period from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015 inclusive.

**INTEGRITY PROVISIONS:**

Offerers must submit a list of names or other related information as needed, pursuant to Section 01 of Standard Instructions 2006.

**TRADE AGREEMENTS:**

“The requirement is subject to the provisions of the World Trade Organization Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-AGP), the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT).”

**3. Debriefings**

After issuance of a standing offer, offerors may request a debriefing on the results of the request for standing offers process. Offerors should make the request to the Standing Offer Authority within 15 working days of receipt of the results of the request for standing offers process. The debriefing may be in writing, by telephone or in person.

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## PART 2 - OFFEROR INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

All instructions, clauses and conditions identified in the Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) by number, date and title are set out in the *Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual* (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Offerors who submit an offer agree to be bound by the instructions, clauses and conditions of the RFSO and accept the clauses and conditions of the Standing Offer and resulting contract(s).

The 2006 (2014/03/01) Standard Instructions - Request for Standing Offers - Goods or Services - Competitive Requirements, are incorporated by reference into and form part of the RFSO.

### 2. Submission of Offers

Offers must be submitted only to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) Bid Receiving Unit by the date, time and place indicated on the Schedule of Tender Closing Dates included in the Working Document (Annex B).

You must submit your offer (*by mail or facsimile*) prior to the closing time and date:

**By mail, at the following address:**

PUBLIC WORKS AND  
GOVERNMENT SERVICES CANADA  
Supply Directorate  
800 rue de la Gauchetière Ouest, Local 7300  
Montreal, Quebec  
H5A 1L6

**By facsimile, at the following number: (514) 496-3822**

Once your offer has been completed and transmitted by mail or facsimile, a copy of the Working Document (Excel file) has to be sent, by e-mail, to the following address:

***QueAlimentationSoumissionsMtl.QueFoodSupplyTendersMtl@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca***

### **3. Enquiries - Request for Standing Offers**

All enquiries must be submitted in writing to the Standing Offer Authority no later than five (5) calendar days before the Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) closing date. Enquiries received after that time may not be answered.

Offerors should reference as accurately as possible the numbered item of the RFSO to which the enquiry relates. Care should be taken by offerors to explain each question in sufficient detail in order to enable Canada to provide an accurate answer. Technical enquiries that are of a proprietary nature must be clearly marked "proprietary" at each relevant item. Items identified as "proprietary" will be treated as such except where Canada determines that the enquiry is not of a proprietary nature. Canada may edit the questions or may request that offerors do so, so that the proprietary nature of the question is eliminated, and the enquiry can be answered with copies to all offerors. Enquiries not submitted in a form that can be distributed to all offerors may not be answered by Canada.

### **4. Applicable Laws**

The Standing Offer and any contract resulting from the Standing Offer must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Québec.

Offerors may, at their discretion, substitute the applicable laws of a Canadian province or territory of their choice without affecting the validity of their offer, by deleting the name of the Canadian province or territory specified and inserting the name of the Canadian province or territory of their choice. If no change is made, it acknowledges that the applicable laws specified are acceptable to the offerors.

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## PART 3 - OFFER PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. Offer Preparation Instructions

Canada requests that offerors provide their offer in separately bound sections as follows:

**Section I: Financial Offer** (one (1) hard copy and one (1) soft copy by email)

**Section II: Certifications** (one (1) hard copy)

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of the soft copy and the hard copy, the wording of the hard copy will have priority over the wording of the soft copy.

Prices must appear in the financial offer only. No prices must be indicated in any other section of the offer.

Canada requests that offerors follow the format instructions described below in the preparation of their offer.

- (a) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper;
- (b) use a numbering system that corresponds to that of the Request for Standing Offers.

In April 2006, Canada issued a policy directing federal departments and agencies to take the necessary steps to incorporate environmental considerations into the procurement process Policy on Green Procurement

(<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/ecologisation-greening/achats-procurement/politique-policy-eng.html>). To assist Canada in reaching its objectives, offerors should:

- 1) use 8.5 x 11 inch (216 mm x 279 mm) paper containing fibre certified as originating from a sustainably-managed forest and/or containing minimum 30% recycled content; and
- 2) use an environmentally-preferable format including black and white printing instead of colour printing, printing double sided/duplex, using staples or clips instead of cerlox, duotangs or binders.

### Section I: Financial Offer

Offerors must submit their financial offer in accordance with Annex B, Working Document - List of products.

The total amount of Goods and Services Tax or Harmonized Sales Tax is to be shown separately, if applicable.

It is requested that offerers send one (1) hard copy by mail or facsimile and one (1) soft copy, Excel file, by e-mail at the following address:

***QueAlimentationSoumissionsMtl.QueFoodSupplyTendersMtl@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca***

### **Annex B - Working Document (Excel File)**

This document includes the Schedule of Tender Closing Dates as well as Closing Pages and List of products for each period.

The Schedule of Tender Closing Dates specifies the Closing Dates for each period. It is important to use the appropriate Closing page, matching the period for which the offer applies.

The offerers will complete the List of products using the Excel file and make sure that it has been properly filled out and contains all required informations.

That list, once printed, will be sent, by facsimile or mail, with the other required documents, before being transmitted to the above mentioned e-mail address.

### **Clauses and Conditions Document (PDF Format)**

The offerors will make sure to return any pages that require informations and/or signatures, as well as any other requested documents. These pages shall accompany every offer.

### **Payment by Credit Card**

Canada requests that offerors complete one of the following:

- (a)  Government of Canada Acquisition Cards (credit cards) will be accepted for payment of call-ups against the standing offer.

The following credit card(s) are accepted:

VISA \_\_\_\_\_

Master Card \_\_\_\_\_

- (b)  Government of Canada Acquisition Cards (credit cards) will not be accepted for payment of call-ups against the standing offer.

The Offeror is not obligated to accept payment by credit card.

Acceptance of credit cards for payment of call-ups will not be considered as an evaluation criterion.

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## **Section II: Certifications**

Offerors must submit the certifications required under Part 5.

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## PART 4 - EVALUATION PROCEDURES AND BASIS OF SELECTION

### 1. Evaluation Procedures

- (a) Offers will be assessed in accordance with the entire requirement of the Request for Standing Offers including the financial evaluation criteria.
- (b) An evaluation team composed of representatives of Canada will evaluate the offers.

#### 1.1. Financial Evaluation

Offers will be evaluated on the **unit price** of all items, in accordance with estimated quantities.

##### 1.1.1 Evaluation of Price

1. The price of the offer will be evaluated as follows:
  - a. Canadian-based offerors must submit firm prices, Canadian customs duties and excise taxes included, and Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) excluded.
  - b. foreign-based offerors must submit firm prices, Canadian customs duties, excise taxes and GST or HST excluded. Canadian customs duties and excise taxes payable by Canada will be added, for evaluation purposes only, to the prices submitted by foreign-based offerors.
2. Unless the Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) specifically requires offers to be submitted in Canadian currency, offers submitted in foreign currency will be converted to Canadian currency for evaluation purposes. The rate given by the Bank of Canada in effect on the RFSO closing date, or on another date specified in the RFSO, will be applied as a conversion factor to the offers submitted in foreign currency.
3. Although Canada reserves the right to issue the Standing Offer either on an FOB plant or FOB destination, Canada requests that offerors provide prices FOB their plant or shipping point and FOB destination. Offers will be assessed on an FOB destination basis.
4. For the purpose of the RFSO, offerors with an address in Canada are considered Canadian-based offerors, and offerors with an address outside of Canada are considered foreign-based offerors.

## **2. Basis of Selection**

### **2.1 Basis of Selection**

#### **Basis of Selection - Multiple Items**

An offer must comply with the requirements of the Request for Standing Offers and meet all mandatory technical evaluation criteria to be declared responsive. The responsive offer with the lowest evaluated price on an item by item basis will be recommended for issuance of a standing offer.

Respect of the client's acceptable brands and formats will be taken into consideration in the evaluation.

Please note that PWGSC reserves the right to issue more than one (1) Standing Offer per period, if it better serves Canada's interest.

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## **PART 5 - CERTIFICATIONS**

Offerors must provide the required certifications and related documentation to be issued a standing offer. Canada will declare an offer non-responsive if the required certifications and related documentation are not completed and submitted as requested.

Compliance with the certifications offerors provide to Canada is subject to verification by Canada during the offer evaluation period (before issuance of a standing offer) and after issuance of a standing offer. The Standing Offer Authority will have the right to ask for additional information to verify offerors' compliance with the certifications before issuance of a standing offer. The offer will be declared non-responsive if any certification made by the Offeror is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly. Failure to comply with the certifications, to provide the related documentation or to comply with the request of the Standing Offer Authority for additional information will also render the offer non-responsive.

### **1. Mandatory Certifications Required Precedent to Issuance of a Standing Offer**

#### **1.1 Integrity Provisions - Related documentation**

By submitting an offer, the Offeror certifies as per section 01 of Standard Instructions 2006, for himself and his affiliates, to be in compliance with the Integrity Provisions - Offer clause of the Standard instructions. The related documentation therein required will help Canada in confirming that the certifications are true.

#### **1.2 Federal Contractors Program for Employment Equity - Standing Offer Certification**

By submitting an offer, the Offeror certifies that the Offeror, and any of the Offeror's members if the Offeror is a Joint Venture, is not named on the Federal Contractors Program (FCP) for employment equity "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list ([http://www.labour.gc.ca/eng/standards\\_equity/eq/emp/fcp/list/inelig.shtml](http://www.labour.gc.ca/eng/standards_equity/eq/emp/fcp/list/inelig.shtml)) available from HRSDC-Labour's website.

Canada will have the right to declare an offer non-responsive, or to set-aside a Standing Offer, if the Offeror, or any member of the Offeror if the Offeror is a Joint Venture, appears on the "FCP Limited Eligibility to Bid" list at the time of issuing of a Standing Offer or during the period of the Standing Offer.

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## PART 6 - STANDING OFFER AND RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES

### A. STANDING OFFER

#### 1. Offer

1.1 The Offeror offers to fulfill the requirement in accordance with the Requirement at Annex "A", Requirement and Annex "B", List of products.

#### 2. Standard Clauses and Conditions

All clauses and conditions identified in the Standing Offer and resulting contract(s) by number, date and title are set out in the *Standard Acquisition Clauses and Conditions Manual* (<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/policy-and-guidelines/standard-acquisition-clauses-and-conditions-manual>) issued by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

##### 2.1 General Conditions

2005 (2014/03/01) General Conditions - Standing Offers - Goods or Services, apply to and form part of the Standing Offer.

##### 2.2 Standing Offer Reporting

The Offeror must compile and maintain records on its provision of goods to the federal government under contracts resulting from the Standing Offer. This data must include all purchases, including those paid for by a Government of Canada Acquisition Card. The Offeror must provide for every six- (6-) month period, reports on use of the Standing Offer, showing the number and total value of call-ups by each consignee. Reports must be submitted on the appropriate document, which will be provided to the Offeror by the Standing Offer Authority, and forwarded no later than fifteen (15) days after the designated reporting period.

Reports have to be sent to the following address:

**QueAlimentationRapportsMtl.QueFoodSupplyReportsMtl@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca**

#### Instructions for Submitting Data on Standing Offer usage:

Please make sure the report contains the following information:

- The Standing Offer number for which the data are submitted;
- The period for which the data have been accumulated (start date to end date);

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- The total amount spent to date, by government department;
  - The number of each item delivered for the period.

### **3. Term of Standing Offer**

#### **3.1 Period of Standing Offer**

The period for placing call-ups against the Standing Offer shall be ***within the period identified in any resulting "Standing Offer and Call-up Authority" Document, as detailed in Annex B.***

### **4. Authorities**

#### **4.1 Standing Offer Authority**

The Standing Offer Authority is:

**Mary Paradis  
Supply Officer  
Public Works and Government Services Canada  
Acquisitions Branch  
800 rue de la Gauchetière Ouest, Local 7300  
Montreal, Quebec  
H5A 1L6**

**Telephone: (514) 496-3874**

**Facsimile: (514) 496-3822**

**E-mail address: mary.paradis@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca**

The Standing Offer Authority is responsible for the establishment of the Standing Offer, its administration and its revision, if applicable. Upon the making of a call-up, as Contracting Authority, he is responsible for any contractual issues relating to individual call-ups made against the Standing Offer by any Identified User.

## 4.2 Offeror Contacts

Name and telephone number of the person responsible for :

### General enquiries

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Delivery follow-up

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Identified Users

The Identified User authorized to make call-ups against the Standing Offer is : Veterans Affairs Canada, Ste.Anne's Hospital.

## 6. Call-up Instrument

The Work will be authorized or confirmed by the Identified User(s) using form PWGSC-TPSGC 942, "Call-up against a Standing Offer" or an electronic version.

## 7. Limitation of Call-ups

Individual call-ups against any Standing Offer resulting from this Request shall not exceed **25%** of the estimated Standing Offer total amount or **\$40,000.00**, the lowest amount being retained.  
*(The amount will be determined at the awarding of each Standing Offer).*

## 8. Financial Limitation

The total cost to Canada resulting from all Standing Offers resulting from this Request for Standing Offer, **shall not exceed the sum of \$320,000.00** (taxes included), unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Contracting Authority.

The amount of each of the subsequent Standing Offers will be determined at the time of issue for each of the periods mentioned in the Schedule of Tender Closing Dates.

## 9. Priority of Documents

If there is a discrepancy between the wording of any documents that appear on the list, the wording of the document that first appears on the list has priority over the wording of any document that subsequently appears on the list.

- (a) the call up against the Standing Offer, including any annexes;
- (b) the articles of the Standing Offer;
- (c) the general conditions 2005 (2014-03-01), General Conditions - Standing Offers - Goods or Services;
- (d) the general conditions 2010A (2014-03-01), General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity)
- (e) Annex "A" - Requirement;
- (f) Annex "B" - Standing Offer Annex;
- (g) the Offeror's offer dated \_\_\_\_\_.

## 10. Certifications

### 10.1 Compliance

Compliance with the certifications and related documentation provided by the Offeror is a condition of authorization of the Standing Offer and subject to verification by Canada during the term of the Standing Offer and of any resulting contract that would continue beyond the period of the Standing Offer. In the event that the Offeror does not comply with any certification, provide the related documentation or if it is determined that any certification made by the Offeror in its offer is untrue, whether made knowingly or unknowingly, Canada has the right to terminate any resulting contract for default and set aside the Standing Offer.

## 11. Applicable Laws

The Standing Offer and any contract resulting from the Standing Offer must be interpreted and governed, and the relations between the parties determined, by the laws in force in Quebec.

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## **B. RESULTING CONTRACT CLAUSES**

The following clauses and conditions apply to and form part of any contract resulting from a call-up against the Standing Offer.

### **1. Requirement**

The Contractor must provide the items detailed in the call-up against the Standing Offer.

### **2. Standard Clauses and Conditions**

#### **2.1 General Conditions**

2010A (2014-03-01) General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity) apply to and form part of the Contract.

Section 16, Interest on Overdue Accounts of 2010A (2014-03-01) General Conditions - Goods (Medium Complexity) will not apply to payments made by credit cards at point of sale.

### **3. Term of Contract**

#### **3.1 Delivery Date**

Delivery must be completed in accordance with the call-up against the Standing Offer.

#### **3.2 Delivery of Fresh Chilled or Frozen Products**

Fresh chilled or frozen products must be delivered in accordance with Canadian Food Inspection Agency requirements stipulating that frozen products must be maintained at -18° C or lower, and fresh chilled products between 4° C and 1° C until delivery. All fresh chilled or frozen products must be delivered in refrigerated vehicles and show no evidence of deterioration. Frozen products must not have been frozen for longer than 90 days since the date of processing in the fresh state.

#### **3.3 Liability for defective products:**

If broken or damaged goods are received from a contractor, their subsequent reshipment to the Crown will be at the contractor's own expense.

If it is determined following acceptance and during use that the product does not meet the purchase description, standard or specification referred to, the contractor will be required to accept return of the balance of the defective products at his own expense and will be required to

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rebate a percentage of the price of the products used, based on the extent of the defect. As well, recourse as provided in PWGSC General Terms and Conditions may be initiated by the Crown.

## **4. Payment**

### **4.1 Basis of Payment**

For the mentioned period of the Standing Offer, you will be paid on the basis of firm unit prices, as listed in Annex B - List of products.

### **4.2 Single Payment**

Canada will pay the Contractor upon completion and delivery of the Work in accordance with the payment provisions of the Contract if:

- a) an accurate and complete invoice and any other documents required by the Contract have been submitted in accordance with the invoicing instructions provided in the Contract;
- b) all such documents have been verified by Canada;
- c) the Work delivered has been accepted by Canada.

### **4.3 SACC Manual Clauses**

C2000C (2007/11/30), Taxes - Foreign Suppliers

## **5. Invoicing Instructions**

The Contractor must submit invoices in accordance with the section entitled "Invoice Submission" of the general conditions. Invoices cannot be submitted until all work identified in the invoice is completed.

## **6. Insurance**

SACC Manual clause G1005C (2008/05/12) Insurance

## **7. SACC Manual Clauses**

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## ANNEX A

### REQUIREMENT

#### DESCRIPTION:

This Regional Individual Standing Offer (RISO) involves the provision, on an as and when ordered basis, of **Ready to serve meals**.

#### DELIVERY:

<b>DELIVERY VAC</b>	
<b>Delivery address</b>	<b>Delivery hours and details</b>
<b>Veterans Affairs Canada</b> Ste. Anne's Hospital Magasin des vivres 305, boulevard des Anciens Combattants Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue (Quebec) H9X 1Y9	AM, as needed.

#### **Delay:**

Delivery will be made in accordance with the delivery date mentioned on the call-up document.

## ANNEX B

### STANDING OFFER ANNEX (Enclosed)